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For: MANUFACTURE OF SHIM WINDINGS

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PREMATURE
DESIGNATION OF "FINAL" OFFICE ACTION**

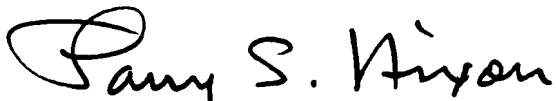
The Office Action dated 05/12/2008 has been designated "final". The only alleged justification for this is found at page 6 of the Office Action where it is alleged that applicant's amendment necessitated new grounds of rejection. However, this cannot possibly be the case. The last amendment was presented pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 -- which amendment was only to claim 7 and only for the purpose of obviating a ground of formality-based objection made in the final Office Action dated 02/15/2007. Clearly that amendment did not necessitate the many new grounds of rejection now presented for the first time in response to applicant's appeal brief.

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Accordingly, petition is hereby made to have the "final" designation removed
from the Office Action dated 05/12/2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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